Mr. Goff. P.S. 5/12/77

By last night I had gone over all the papers with your delayed letter, what came here yesterday. I regret the need to write you further and to complain still again that you have not been full or forthright.

The most obvious example is that you continue to withhold from me what you have made available to others - what in fact has been on coast-to-coast TV. You have released the J. Edgar Hoover letter of 11/23/63 and its attachment, the letter in which Mr. Hoover informed the Secret Service of the taping of Oswald's voice and the alleged taking of his picture in Mexico.

There is a report on the President's 11/18/63 trip to Miami and some planned demonstrations but you continue to withhold all relating to the cancellation of the planned motorcade. What I believe caused this change is not the demonstrations that were expected but a tape recording provided by the Miami police, one in which what is officially alleged to have happened is forecast with accuracy. That there would not have been an instant check on this simply can't be believed, so there should be such records. In addition, you were provided the tape and other information by the Miami authorities. There is no basis for the claiming of the stock exemptions because all the names are public - from my publication of 1967 and 1971 as well as by other means. There is no source to be protected because the source made the initial release. My requests for this information go back to 1967. The FBI stonewalled on some of this until this year. You continue to stonewall.

With these two records withholding is the direct cause of extensive disinformation. If I do not pretend to reach into the official mind I do suggest that the suspicion disinformation was the official intent can't be avoided. The House committee and others have become agents of this disinformation. Through them a vast number of people have been misled. There thus is even more confusion on this subject.

It likewise can't be believed that the three reports you provide are all you have of the Garrison period. From my own interviews I know there should be others. From these one can see reason to believe other records exist. Should, in any event.

You have provided a few more records relating to the Rev. Walter Machann, the correct spelling. If you have provided all then Tom Kelley is incompetent and I do not believe that. The six-page report he gave the Warren Commission does not include what it should. I had no trouble locating Father Machann. I interviewed him at some length, after first interviewing others with relevant information. Including one maligned by the Secret Service.

After reading the records you now provide I see no reason for ever withholding them. No reason sanctioned by law, anyway. Yet they have been withheld for more than a decade. The combination multiplies the suspicion each separate act engenders.

In writing you yesterday I indicated you have more Oswald records and that I want them. I also asked for a list of what you continue to withhold and the reason for each withholding. Now I find you have continued to withhold from me what you have let reach those whose misuse could be expected. I do have a particular interest in this aspect. I do hope that you will respond fully and accurately to this request.

There are references to several films in these records. I have no interest in films prepared for training, to protect presidents. But I would like to be able to see the film prepared in analysis of what is said to have happened. I also request any and all records relating to its showing to the Warren Commission whether in the form of the showing of the film or in analysis of the film.

It is my belief that in the long run the improper efforts to avoid expected embarrassment will cause still more embarrassment. I regret this for all agencies and their employees, more for the Secret Service because of its special responsibilities.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg